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BULLER'S DEFEAT.

Truly the Anglo-Boer war has brought Great Britain to dark days for her Christmas-tide, and she is confronted, it would seem, with the most serious conditions with which she has had to grapple in generations. The slience of Euller, in which so much of hope and confidence were centered, was broken Friday by an announcement that fell on British cars like a clap of thunder. No wonder we are told that the London afternoon press treated that announcement in a perfunctory way. We can well imagine that, under all the circumstances, the public were

In the hour of gloom and mourning following Stormberg and Magersfontein, with their long rolls of these who had unavailingly proved their loyalty to the

"Not once or twice in our rough island The path of duty was the way to glory."

all eyes were turned to the "cool-headed Buller," who is reported to have said before feaving England that he did not intend to have a repetition of the Sir George Colley affair. The sanguine expectation was of light out of Natal. But stead came that which intensified the

British "reverse" at Tugela river-the third serious defeat of the British within a week and the fourth since the war began-the tragedy of Nicholson's Neck, of Stormberg, and of Magersfontein was reacted, only with more disastrous resuits, as bearing upon all phases of the problem that presents itself to great Eritain. Buller, like White, Gatacre, and Methuen, sent his men blindly into a Boer trap and against a fee of whose location and strategic coigns of vantage he was practically ignorant. Despite the declaration as to Majuba Hill he is predited with having made, he virtually repeated on a larger scale the blundering exploit of the unfortunate Colley. Moreover, it would appear that his blunder is mere inexcusable and inexplicable than tat of either White, Gatacre, or Methuen, as preceding his attempt to force a passage of the river he was warned by certain suspicious signs, as his brother officers above named were not, that | prospects of a good bill, or to kill a bad the Boers were probably up to their old trick of luring their enemy into an am-

buscade. According to advices received in London just antecedent to Buller's forward movement, his artillery failed to develop any of the Boer positions. But aside from criticism of British generalship, what is the situation as left by

the point of view only of the struggle, as confined to the two parties to it. Not counting White's discomfiture at to a definite and more immediate task than that of alding in the final wiping out of the Boer power. The first was charged with driving the Boers from Northeastern Cape Colony, and thus ensuring against a Dutch uprising in that territory. The second was charged with the relief of Kimberley and Mafeking. To the third was assigned the duty of re-Heving Ladysmith. All three have been battled, and at the cost of the decimation of some of the best troops in the British army-regiments whose bistories date back centuries, which have shed lustre upon British arms in all quarters of the globe, and which were looked upon as invaluable factors in imparting stamina to raw and unseasoned commands Ladysmith, Kimberley, and Mafeking are gill beleaguered with, to all appearances, kie Prospect of hearing soon the "Sogun," and the possibility that only che spirit of the garrison of Lucknow save them. Added to this, Butter's

"weree" has immeasurably accentuated the danger of a Dutch revolt and civil war in Cape Colony.

That Great Britain, if left alone, can deal with this situation ultimately we do not question. It is not true, as has been grequently asserted, that she has about exhausted the supply of troops she could

nents from Canada and Australia, in recognition of the patriotism and loyalty of these countries, and she may draw a few more regular troops from India. But in order to the preservation of British prestige in the empire, it is essential that Great Britain, as comprised in the sles, shall not allow her dependencies too large a share of victory. She cannot afford to bring her crest to the level of or below the crests of those dependencies.

However, the serlousness of the situa-

tion has at the last to be considered in a broader aspect than that we have just set forth-an aspect in which the whole civilized world is deeply interested. We are satisfied, as we have shown, that if not interfered with, Great Britain will sooner or later triumph and establish her supremacy in South Africa. Talk about her abandoning the war is idle, She must fight it to a finish, come what may. But will there be non-interference? Will her Coatinental neighbors, who are jealous of her, seize the occasion of her great embarrassment to precipitate hostillties with her? And with the jeniousies of Continental European Powers of one another what they are, is it not probable that there would be farewell to peace of all Europe," a mockery of the recent peace conference, and a lining up in a general war? These questions must obtrude themselves upon every one acquainted with Russian interests in the Above rates are for "every day," or ad- and the present adjustment of the relations of the Continental nations. Hence the world has cause to look to the comfive lines or less, \$1; in nonpariel, leaded, ing year-the year that will mark the

THE LEGISLATURE.

The usual arrows of criticism are be ing sped at the members of the Legislature of Virginia. It is suid they are wasting too much time and that they will adourn for the Christmas recess without having done anything of consequence to earn their \$4 a day, etc., etc.

There are many men in this State who cannot earn anything like \$4 a day, and some of these think our legislators are overpaid. But they ought to recollect that no member secures his election without loss of time or money-sometimes both. When that fact is taken into consideration, and when we count up the loss of time from one's regular occupation and his expenses in Richmond, it will be found that the average member is not profited one cent by his legislative service. But for the honor and glory of the position, but for the satisfaction of finding one's self figuring in the newspapers as a law-maker, few men would few inducements he has to take upon lines beyond that district, himself the vexations and labors of a legislator.

the Legislature begins in a hurry and Their Intelligence, character, and public closes leisurely, or begins leisurely and spirit cannot be questioned. They becloses hurriedly, the pay is the same. Heved the demands of the Council com-The salary is fixed by law, and it is \$360 per annum for each member. We could unwilling to assent to them. Now, it may wish that the legislative work were done by that further investigation has conmore methodically, but one great ob- vinced councilmen that justice to all con-And then there is a good deal of prelimmary work-caucusing, organization, election of various officers, etc.-that must be work in real earnest. By that time, lines which are now fast failing into

But why not change the date of the meeting of the General Assembly, so as to have it after the holidays are over? fying, squabble has been going on be-Well, in answer to that question, we tween the Atlanta lawyers and some of must say that that experiment was tried the citizens of that town, and both faconce, but it did not give the satisfaction tions have displayed no little temper. It here in Virginia which it seems to have appears that some days ago the grand given in some other States. And, as a matter of fact, it is a useful custom to launch legislative schemes before Christmas and then let members go home and names were mentioned in the presentconsult their constituents as to them. The week or ten days which members spend at home furnish an excellent opportunity for them to learn public opinion ing and denounced the action of the with respect to pending measures. And since our government is a govern- proper." It was admitted that there were ment by the people, every member should wish to have the advice of intelligent constituents. Of this thing we are surethat time and again members have profited greatly by going home at Christmas and consulting their people. This contact of representatives with constituents is a thing rather to be encouraged than discouraged. But after members return to Richmond, we would have them set to work with all diligence. Their attendance upon committee meetings is even more important than their attendance upon the sessions of the two houses. It is easier to promote the one in its inciplency, in committee, than after it has reached the House or Senate. As a rule, not much time is wasted in public debate. The Senate is newadays the great forum, and its chamber often may be found filled with delegates listen-

ing to the speakers. It cannot be denied, however, that the Buller's defeat? Consider it first from greatest trouble about Virginia legisla- profession. In a card published by the tion arises from the bad habit of defer- frascible foreman he makes this sweepring action on so many important bills till the last ten days of the session. Then alone, under the forms of law, I venture Nichelson's Neck, three separate British the rush and excitement begin. Then to assert, aggregate more in dollars and armies have been beaten. Each was set sly fellows have a chance to get obnoxious cents than all the burglaries, highhouses scarcely know what they pass, or

the Governor what he signs. The theory is, that the Executive shall have time to consider each bill or reso lution presented to him. But in practice he is not given time to read them even Therefore, he must depend largely upon to see. It is no uncommon thing for irristatements made to him by the patrons table persons to launch wholesale charges sufficient leisure to think over the changes proposed by new legislation.

In some States the governors have from ten to thirty days after the Legislature has adjourned during which they may determine whether they will approve or disapprove the bills and resolutions sent them. When we go to Constitution making again, it would be well if we took into consideration the propriety of amending our Constitution in that respect.

And so we conclude that Virginia legis laters are not overpaid; that the time lost at Christmas is not necessarily thrown away, and yet there is a crying need for such advancement of business as will give the Executive more time to study the medsures submitted to him for his approval.

The Street Committee honored fixelf in command for the war. She can still send | honoring its chairman, Major Otway S. out heavy reinforcements from home. Allen, with a Christmas token expressive and should the worst come to the worst of its respect and good will. He is a valsne could supplement these with large uable member of the City Council. He armies from India, the Dominion of has ripe experience, intelligence of a high Canada, and Australia. But apart from order, strong convictions, and modesty consideration that this would leave withat. His judgment always commands her vast outlying possessions exposed, it respect, even from those who may hapwould not be advisable, and it is likely pen to differ with him in opinion, and we that it would be a last resort. She may hope to see him continue in service for scrept offers of a few additional regi | many years to come.

Men of affairs must recognize the difficulty our City Council will have in determining what price should be fixed for the street-railway franchises soon to be disposed of. In the form of an annual tax, the Council will ask bidders to pay for the privileges granted them. It also will be demanded that the successful company shall do a certain portion of the paving of the driveways on streets which the

Council orders to be paved. Quite naturally, those who desire to secure the franchises wish to pay as little as possible. On the other hand, councilmen want to make the best bargain they can for the city. But we take it that there are reasonable men on each side of the question, and that they can "get together" after investigation and discussion have disclosed what is the earning capacity of our lines and what is the average requirement in cities of our class. There must be a happy mean. We hope It will be discovered, and that the franchises will be disposed of to good, trusty men of means, who not only have the ability to give us satisfactory service, but who will take pride in doing so.

We do not wish to see the new franchises placed in the hands of Persons who will have to be whipped and spurred whenever a grievance is to be corrected or any little improvement is asked for.

A prerequisite to a proper understanding of the value of these franchises is correct information as to the earning capacity of the lines in question. From what we hear, most of our suburban lines have been unprofitable. It is a luxury to city people to be able to take the suburban cars and ride into the country on hot summer days; but usually it is afforded at the expense of the main lines in the city. It "doesn't pay," These suburban lines have done much to advance the value of East- and West-End property, but it will be a good while yet before they can be relied upon as paying investments. Nor would the public hear of abandoning these lines. It will be insisted, as far as Richmond has a voice in the matter, that they shall be kept up. Such being the case, it would seem that there ought to be one rate of taxation for main lines and another rate for other lines-or, if that be impractical, that an average should be made which recognizes the undoubted fact that some of the lines are unprofitable.

Again, when comparison is made of the taxation imposed by various cities, the statement should show how much trackage in each city is in the city proper, and how much is on the outskirts or suburbs. Certainly, if conditions prevail elsewhere as at Richmond, lines in what be tempted to seek election. The pay may be called the metropolitan district member receives is the smallest of the are able to bear greater taxation than

The stand taken by those gentlemen who withdrew from the syndicate has Now as to the waste of time: Whether made an impression upon the public. mittees were unreasonable. They were tacle to that reform is that at each cerned requires a moderation of the session there is so great an infusion terms proposed. It is to be hoped that a of "new blood" it takes members some basis of agreement will be reached which time to get acquainted with one another. will give Richmond fair compensation for her franchises, and yet prove sufficiently attractive to capitalists to enable a new company to be formed with ability and ione before members can sit down to disposition to renew and reinvigorate

> An interesting, but not altogether ediry brought in a presentment, in which some of the attorneys were as "common barrators and shysters," No ment, and the legal profession feit that they had been greatly aggrieved. The lawyers held a sort of indignation meetgrand jury as "false, scandalous, and imsome black sheep in the legal fold, but it was also hinted that such as these can be found in every flock. The grand jurors were invited to go ahead and in-

dict the wrong-doers. To make the feeling more intense, the committee of lawyers who drafted the report denounced the grand jurors as an "aggregation of freaks," a term which the foreman bitterly resented. And so he in turn had more severs things to say, and made some very ugly charges. "I think," says the gen-tlemen, who particularly resents being called a freak, "there are at least 300 too many lawyers, good and bad, in Atlanta, and if they should retire from the bar there are avenues in the business world for them to make an honest living." The same enemy of the lawyers believes forty-three lawyers could attend to all the town's business, and says he intends to push the charges against the disreputable members of the ing assertion: "Their robberies in Georgia schemes through Then the two way robberies, hold-ups, safe cracks, petty larcenies, and chicken thefts that have occurred from the days of John A. Murrell to the days of Reub Burroughs."

That a great deal of unnecessary heat has been injected into this interesting controversy no unbiased person can fall of the bills. That sort of thing ought to against professions because they mistake case. Our Executive should be given a few degenerate representatives as types of the whole class. The offence generaily calls forth much resentment, and usually generates a spirited controversy. For our part we doubt not that Atlanta has her share of Quirks, Snaps, and Gammons, just as other cities have, but that does not signify that all its lawyers are disreputable. To make sweeping charges against all who follow the legal profession, is to argue one's self an ignoramus. Nor do we mean to apply our remarks particularly to the lawyers. Every now and then the doctors come in for a liberal share of abuse, and even the clergy do not always escape. In every vocation there may be found scores of wrong-doers, but the probabilities are that the sinners are pretty evenly distributed. It would be far better for both of the contending factions in Georgia's capital to quit "sassing" each other, and

> A dentist's claim of \$1,605 against the estate of the late George M. Pullman, was recently allowed by an Illinois Probate court. The individual bill against the decedent was \$1,161, while items amounting to \$140 were for "work done in Sanger Pullman's mouth." The account ran from 1893, but most of the dentistry done for Mr. Pullman was in 1895. The

go about their business.

vices. In September of 1895 the bill was swelled \$275, and one day's work amounted to \$60. It was observed that in the account pertaining to young Mr. Pullman, \$25 was charged on two occasions for

"lost time." The executors of the Pullman estate did not contest the claim, but the judge asked a good many questions about it. His Honor inquired of the dentist if these were his regular charges, and the latter said: "Yes, sir, sometimes I get more than I charged in some of the items."

So Philadelphia is to have the honor, and possible profit, of providing for the next Republican National Convention. New York put up a poor fight. It being conceded that Mr. Root will be nominated for the vice-presidency, that was considered sufficient of a sop for the Empire State. And then Philadelphia, being the City of Brotherly Love, and having made friends with the opponents of the Fayne resolution, got the bulk of the southern vote, as against Chicago. Thus the southerners were assured that their representation in the convention of 1904 would not be reduced, as proposed by Mr. Payne. Philadelphia has raised \$100,000, with which to pay the convention's expenses and furnish a nest-egg fer the national committee's campaign fund.

The Nebraska Republicans have begun an agitation looking to the exclusion of Appointee Allen from the Federal Senate on the ground that Governor Poynter had no right to appoint him, and that a successor to Hayward must be chosen by the Legislature. Of course, their action is based on the understanding that a Republican would be the legislative choice. Allen is a Populist, acting, to a certain extent, with the Democrats, under the Fusion arrangement existing in

The Ridgeway Journal says should the proposed convention of planters to put | up the price of tobacco not materialize, then let each planter become his own guardian and law-maker and determine And when there'd come a pause, We'd hear a yawp that didn't sound A bit like Santy Claus. guardian and law-maker and determine to curtail the cultivation of the weed so far as he is concerned by turning his attention to the cultivation of the grains and grasses, thus enabling him to eschew western flour, hay, and pork, and make
his purchases from other sections as little
Against the house, we knew
At once that our dear Pa was stuck

So Mr. McKinley has decided that the All scared, we dressed and in a fit

time has not yet quite arrived for the throwing overboard of the colored man To find that our new cook had lit and brother. The darky, however, can That sent its blazing flame sloft see the handwriting with reference to see the handwriting with reference to himself on the Republican party wall our dear old Pa just shricked and coughed if he will look carefully enough.

Out in the midnight air. if he will look carefully enough,

Aguinaldo's artfulness in dodging seems Somebody rang the fire-bell. Aguinaldo's artfulness in dedging seems to have proved too much for our forces. And when its peals uprose The engine came along, and—well! in the Philippines. It is announced that the pursuit of the Filipino leader has And axes gainst the roof were hurled And shouts the sky did rend, been abundoned, and so, we presume, falls another of Otis's campaigns.

The New York Herald quotes Repre- Of course, they rescued Pa at last, sentatives Swanson and Otey, of Virginia, as being in favor of the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform and as wishing to see added to it strong anti-trust and anti-imperialism planks.

Mistress of the Seas should be a little lame on hand-for awhile. White, Methuen, Gatacre, Buller-who

next to be beaten by the Boers?

Success in high circles-last night's

Remonstrance of the Chimney, I'm all of a shiver!

That annual giver-Is coming, and sires Have put out their fires For fear he'll be scorched with a brick.

And, sadder and sadder, Like imp down a ladder, Or dropping a nugget of shot, He'll shoot my dominions And spoil with his pinions

The only real soot that I've got. It beats me all hollow That I have to swallow This pudgy old chap every year,

And ain't it provoking

That I must stop smoking

When he's advertised to appear? Generally Conceded. Though Aguinaldo they succeed In catching oft on paper,

He yet continues, 'tis agreed,

The champion escaper.

Crushed Expectation. Miss Walker: Good morning, Miss Willing! By the way; I met your cousin, Mrs. Byer, while I was out this morning. She was out making her Christmas purchases, and at the very moment of our meeting she said she was looking for a present for you.

Miss Willing: Indeed! Dear, good soul! Always so thoughtful and generous Where did you meet her? Miss Walker: In the 10-cent store.

A Settler.

Mr. Faintheart (looking at his watch and speaking with an expression of uneasiness): Excuse me, Miss Snapshot, but is this your father's club night?

Miss Snapshot: Oh, in that particular one night is the same as another to him; he handles a club with equal facility at

Johnnie's Joke.

Johnnie: Pa, if I should write to Santa Claus and ask him for a gun, do you think he'd give it to me? Pa: What's the matter with my giving

you a gun, Johnnie? Johnnie: I'd rather get it from Santa,



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dentist charged \$10 an hour for his ser- | Pa; 'cause I want a real gun, and if you gave it to me, it'd only be a Pop-gun.

> The young lady who hung up her clocked stocking had no right to complain if she found it full of thyme in the morning.

The seeds of popular indignation against the conduct of the War Department were a long time growing before they took Root.

At this season the children look upon the hanging business as a capital amusement rather than a capital punishment.

It is probable that the new baby is called a guest because the meaning of his outeries have to be guessed.

If Christmas has anything in store for you, your wife's shopping instinct will surely disearn it.

When Pa Played Santy Claus.

We youngsters heard our Uncle Josh Tell Pa one day he knew This Santy Claus affair was bosh-A humbug through and through. And we heard Pa tell Ma next day, In whisper thin as gauze, He'd drive the children's doubts away By playing Santy Claus.

Well, you can bet that after that But guessing every minute at We scarce could wait for Christmas-Eve To come along, because We couldn't none of us conceive How Pa'd play Santy Claus.

Rut when it came at last, and we That same idea continually Was running through our heads; We fell asleep at last, but woke To hear the midnight bell, And then upon our senses broke A most alarming yell.

We heard Ma scooting through the hall And Jane skip down the stairs, And sounds of flying footsteps fall About us everywheres; We heard the neighbors gathering 'round,

We got up in our "nightles" then, And midst the fearful din We heard what seemed a hundred men A-carrying ladders in Tight in the chimney flue.

When they turned on the hose, It really seemed as if the world

And chimney there was none; Ma had hysteries, cook was flat In bed with fit on fit. And Pa looked like a scarecrow that A hurricane had hit.

Possibly it is not unnatural that the That surely was the livelest scene The Christmas feast recalls, And comes no hint that keeps it green Upon our mem'ries' walls, But, though to speak of it's a crime,

such a poor, bare, forked animal as thou

King." —Henry V.
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall

It is a wonderful privilege, in this I wish you would call the attention of that has elicited universal adworld of shows, and shams, and darkness visible, to be able to see men and
things exactly as they are in their true
colors and dimensions, and to be able to weigh and measure them justly and truly, and deal with and treat them accordingly. It was a kind and wise thing that the old heathen said to his boy: My son, you will find that compassion is a duty that will find that compassion is a duty that not yet "struck" a street-car where pro-you owe to all mankind. Infinite and di-

over Jerusalem; He spoke kindly to the fallen woman: But poured out vitriol on the plous fraud and ceremonious hypo- than have to sit in such a draft

being fooled: but a divine satisfaction in seeing clearly and judging rightly. A misanthrope, that despises his neighbor, according to the heat such that the satisfaction in the second of the second according to the best authority, is a fool: according to the best authority, is a fool; But there is neither sense nor charity in taking a man for more than his worth. It is like taking and passing counterfeit money. And yet, how few of us are experts in handling human currency! The image and superscription is divine, however base the alloy that bears it. It is heartburn, and all forms of the highest exercise of manhood to see Bodeker Bros., T. A. Miller. men and know them and justly nonestly estimate, and yet pity them and treat them kindly and patiently, without selfishness or condescension. It is high manhood to be conscious of our brotherhood, and sensible of the virus that runs through our own veins and yet to play our parts well and meekly; to deal with n and things and not abuse and hate There is no satisfaction in being fooled

or witnessing the learned pate duck to the golden fool. Light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is to behold the sun. pleasant thing it is to behold the sun.
Our Lord spoke of the monarchs of Histime as "the kings of the earth"; didn't
call them great. His message to Herod
was: "Go and tell that fox." St. Paul's
rebuke to the priestly tyrant was: "God
shall smite thee, thou whited sepuichre!"
He approved the respect due to the
office, but never apologized to the seoundrel that occupied it! Manhood vindicates itself by seeing with clear eyes,
judging righteous judgment, loving cates itself by seeing with clear eyes, judging righteous judgment, loving mercy, and walking humbly before the King of kings. It is the habitual, familiar, and true acknowledgment of the shekel of the sanctuary, the Heaven approved measure of perfect manhood, that enables us to detect the counterfeit and recognize and value manhood utterly regardless of its clothes, its honors, of all its shows and environments, its advantages or disadvantages. He is counted as a high type of his kind

Who vice in all its romp and power Who vice in all its pomp and power

Can treat with just neglect And plety, though clothed in rags, Religiously respect.

It is pitiful to mark the ideals and miserable idols that man has worshipped from the beginning, the deceitful weights and measures with which he has alized his understanding, and defrauded himself of his high estate. All along through history his ideals have been odd papers for sale at 15 cents per hundred at the Dispatch office.

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sualists. Stripped of the glamour and splendor of their royal robes and great place, and reduced to their mere man-hood, no decent householder of our day would allow them under his roof. Take, for examples, Rameses; the builtes abort Troy, with the celestial reprobates, man and female; Alexander, Hannibal, Fred-rick the Cessa, Charles rick the Great, Charles V., and that dirly rick the Grand Monarch, Louis Qua-rascal, the Grand Monarch, Louis Qua-torze. What place for any of them is there in a respectable household? And indeed, the same may be said of hun-dreds of the distinguished rowdles that fill the public eye and ear of our own own we must be true to our standards. measure men and women by then life will be to us an out-and-out fraud-only vanity and vexation. And so it is to the general throng, who are willing to take things as they are, and feed with scalawags on the common. The world has never known but one perfect man. He never known but one perfect man was divine. His robe and diadem absolute righteousness. He did not judge after the sight of the eye nor reprove after the hearing of the ear, but judged

THE ROSEMARY LIBRARY.

ness, and reproved with equity the meek of the earth.

Its Good Work and How Its Usefulness May Be Extended. (For the Dispatch.)

iress made by Mr. Munford to the Chamber of Commerce, a very fine showing is given of the advantages in Richmond for making money and for attending to bodimaking money and for attending to coll-ly ills, but there was no mention of any opportunity of cultivating the mind. Yet an effort is being made to establish a library here worthy of the town and its library here worthy of the town and its people. The Rosemary Public Library, corner Fourth and Franklin street, offers many attractions. Many men, women, and children go there daily to read. Its shelves afterd books of reference, encyclopacdias, histories, biographies, esays, and many books of the best faction, the works of the standard novelists, as well as new books constitution out and eagerly sought. We have to hold our jaws
To keep from laughing at the time
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